

ANNUAL REPORT

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SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF WEBSTER,

FOR

THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1871.

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1871.

REPORT.

Whole amount of taxes committed to the Collector for 1870, was	\$5,322.30
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The Collector has discharged himself as follows :

Paid Town Treasurer, cash, abatements, and receipts for non-resident highway taxes, worked out,	4,860.41
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Amount due from the Collector,	\$461.89
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Receipts.

Received of Treasurer for 1869,	\$192.71
State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	462.52
" " Railroad tax,	239.50
" " Literary Fund,	55.97
" " Assigned U. S. Bounty,	32.00
County, support of D. Heath,	15.75
County, aid transient pauper,	19.25
John B. Chase, old iron,	.95
Gilman C. Stone, drawing off bridge strings,	2.00
Cyrus A. Stone, on collection, 1870,	4,860.41
George Little, on collection, 1868-9,	769.81
Cash received of A. & E. Sweatt, for lumber and old iron,	7.00
Joseph L. Couch, for lumber and old iron,	3.00
George Little, interest on taxes,	10.00
Dudley C. Hubbard, money hired,	100.00
Ebenezer Loveren,	500.00
Jesse D. Sanborn, money hired,	500.00
Liquor Agent,	15.00
	\$7,435.87

Expenditures — Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid D. L. Guernsey, for books &c.,	\$2.60
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Paid George Little, express on town reports,	\$0.40
Perley Jackman, digging graves,	10.00
Independent Press Association, printing reports,	28.00
John W. Colby, for wood, work, &c.,	19.50
Smith & Sweatt, nails and stationery,	2.94
E. C. Simpson, digging graves,	1.75
" " horse baiting,	1.17
Liquor Agent, alcohol, (E. W. Kilborn),	.88
F. L. Burbank, for stone,	1.00
T. W. Jones, water,	2.00
Sherman Little, services as selectman, 1869,	8.00
Express on money sent to the N. H. Asylum,	.30
Thomas Elliott, water,	2.00
Jeremiah Carter, refreshments,	1.25
A. & F. A. Fowler, term fees, (J. W. Colby case),	28.00
A. & . FA. Fowler, legal advice, (E. W. Kilborn),	2.00
P. R. Stevens, water,	3.00
R. E. French, digging graves and plank,	1.95
Ezra Sanborn, for plank,	.90
N. M. Noyes, digging graves and staking yard,	15.75
B. W. Sanborn & Co., blanks,	.79
F. L. Sweatt and J. Q. Adams, snowing bridge,	2.80
W. W. Austin, services as selectman, 1870,	2.00
Smith & Sweatt, room rent and stationery,	3.25
Smith & Sweatt, bill of R. P. Shattuck, 2d,	4.75
Thomas Kilborn, for plank,	11.58
Charles C. Kimball, water,	3.00
Atherton Sweatt, horse hire,	12.50
Atherton Sweatt, selectmen's expenses,	7.50
Jesse D. Sanborn, digging grave,	1.50
C. A. Stone, moving E. W. Kilborn,	2.00
S. S. Committee, expense of printing school cards,	3.00

\$188.06

Roads and Bridges.

Paid W. S. Davis & Co. work on bridge, (Amsbury),	\$3.00
Walker & Co., iron for bridge,	42.35
F. L. Burbank & Son, lumber,	200.64
Gilman C. Stone, work on bridge,	73.75

Paid N. Watson, for bridge plank,	\$9.20
H. H. & J. L. Gerrish, work on bridge,	8.18
John B. Chase, work on bridge,	13.15
Charles A. Brackett, work on road,	2.50
Stephen C. Hanson, work on road,	15.25
Cyrus Fitts, work on road,	23.75
H. B. Sanborn, work on bridge,	10.50
O. H. Fitts, work on roads and bridges,	35.50
Moses Whittier, breaking roads,	9.90
G. C. Shaw, breaking roads,	2.55
P. W. Whittier, breaking roads,	3.15
W. F. Wadleigh, work on road,	11.25
L. C. Titcomb, work on road and bridge,	4.50
P. R. Stevens, work on road,	29.35
D. C. Rolfe, " "	6.75
L. A. Rice, " "	12.00
R. E. French, " "	6.75
Harvey Sweatt, " "	4.50
G. W. Stone, " "	8.50
John C. Pearson, work on road,	5.00
P. F. S. Clark, work on road,	23.50
Richard Hall, work on road,	6.00
Walter S. Couch, work on bridge,	12.50
Cyrus Dustin, work on roads,	2.25
Alba C. Sweatt, work on bridge,	3.65
C. E. Putney, work on roads,	10.50
Thomas Elliott, work on road,	24.00
True Eastman, breaking road,	3.60
Hamlet Corser, work on road,	1.50
Benjamin Flanders, work on bridge,	2.00
Abial Trumbull, work on bridge and road,	45.75
Asaph Abbott, work on bridge and road,	4.25
James Ash, work on bridge and road,	1.00
Ezra Sanborn, work on road,	2.25
C. E. Putney, " "	3.00
Rice Corser, " "	22.34
W. A. Huntoon, " "	2.45
C. D. Glidden, " "	11.25
E. Silver, " "	14.25
Henry Elliott, for gravel work on road &c.,	9.10
G. C. Chase, work on road,	6.50
Hiram Roby, " "	1.65

Paid Ira Jackman, work on road,	\$6.75
J. H. Trumbull, work on road,	9.75
Henry F. Pearson, work on road,	6.00
Moses P. Seavey, work on road,	1.65
T. W. Jones, work on road,	1.65
Lewis Silver, work on road,	15.75
E. C. Simpson, work on road and bridge,	8.50
H. Simpson, " " "	12.00
E. Little, work on bridge,	3.00
C. B. Little, work on bridge,	1.50
C. F. Sanborn, work on road,	7.50
F. A. Shepard, " "	7.37
C. S. Jackman, " "	3.75
W. B. Burpee, " "	27.90
Otis W. Whittier, work on road,	.60
Hiram G. Stone, " "	2.00
James F. Sanborn, " "	9.00
Smith Emons, " "	3.75
J. Couch, (Salisbury), work on road,	1.50
Warren Couch, " "	1.50
Peter Stone, " "	4.00
A. S. Burbank, " "	2.00
D. N. Couch, " "	3.75
H. L. Dodge, stone and damage,	17.50
Joseph L. Couch, work on road,	37.50
Charles C. Kimball, work on road,	20.10
Atherton Sweatt, work on road and bridge,	35.13
C. A. Stone, work on road,	3.75
George T. Sanborn, work on road,	4.50
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	\$1,014.91

School Money.

Paid Atherton Sweatt, District No. 1,	\$77.64
John Sanborn, Jr., " " 2,	68.21
F. L. Burbank, " " 3,	117.93
David C. Rolfe, " " 4,	64.76
Jesse D. Sanborn, " " 5,	44.82
Cyrus A. Stone, " " 6,	120.83
William W. Austin, " " 7,	67.93
Henry H. Gerrish, " " 8,	163.73
Heman B. Sanborn, " " 9,	145.06

Paid Henry C. Couch, District No. 10,	\$8.15
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	\$879.06

Support of Paupers.

Paid N. H. Asylum, support of M. Sawyer and wife,	\$396.33
City of Concord, support and aid furnished E. W. Kilborn,	197.60
Samuel Downing, support of E. W. Kilborn,	12.00
Aid to transient pauper,	19.16
Smith & Sweatt, goods delivered to David Heath,	15.75
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	\$640.84

State and County Tax.

Paid State tax,	\$1,452.00	
County tax,	713.45	
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Notes and Interest paid.

Paid Little Burbank, note and interest,	\$96.96
N. H. Arey, " "	140.12
Sarah Pillsbury, " "	159.05
Jesse D. Sanborn, " "	153.50
Calvin Morrill, interest on note,	16.91
School District No. 8, in Boscawen, interest on note,	11.28
D. C. Hubbard, note and interest,	104.50
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	\$682.32

Bonds and Interest.

Paid Albert Runnels, Bond No. 19,	\$100.00
Interest on Bonds,	1,183.32
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	\$1,283.32

Non-Resident Highway Tax.

Tax paid in labor,	\$84.08
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Abatement of Taxes.

Sundry abatements, 1868,	\$10.57
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Sundry abatements, 1869,	\$28.78
" " 1870,	43.40
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	\$82.75

Town Officers.

Paid Atherton Sweatt, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	\$50.00
Charles C. Kimball, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	35.25
Joseph L. Couch, services as selectman and overseer of poor,	21.62
A. Sweatt, Treasurer,	20.00
A. Sweatt, Town Clerk,	18.00
Joseph Couch, services as Superintending School Committee,	2.00
George T. Sanborn, services as Superintending School Committee,	22.00
Cyrus A. Stone, services as Superintending School Committee,	26.00
Cyrus A. Stone, services as Collector,	30.00
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	\$224.87

Recapitulation.

Total amount of receipts,	\$7,435.87
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Accounted for as follows :

Paid Miscellaneous,	\$188.06
Roads and Bridges,	1014.91
School Money,	879.06
Support of paupers,	640.84
State and County tax,	2165.45
Notes and Interest,	682.32
Bonds and Interest,	1283.32
Non-resident highway tax paid in labor,	84.08
Abatement of taxes,	82.75
Town officers,	224.87
Cash in treasury,	166.21
Cash in treasury, dog tax,	24.00
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	\$7,435.87

Debt of Town March 1, 1871, in bonds,	\$17,400.00
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Outstanding Notes.

Phebe Noyes,	\$85.76
John Stone,	50.00
Calvin Morrill,	50.00
School District No. 8, in Boscawen,	188.00
Benjamin Loveren,	500.00

Total indebtedness of the town,	\$18,273.76
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Assets.

Due from the State, volunteer's bounties advanced in 1864,	\$1,168.00
Due from George Little, on collection of 1869,	100.63
Due from Cyrus A. Stone, collection of 1870,	461.89
Stock in hands of Liquor Agent,	145.40
Cash in Treasury,	166.21
Cash in Treasury, dog tax,	24.00
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Balance against the town,	\$16,207.63
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ATHERTON SWEATT,
CHARLES C. KIMBALL,
JOSEPH L. COUCH,

Selectmen of Webster.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of the Town of Webster respectfully submit the following report of the schools for the year ending March, 1871.

The whole amount of money appropriated for the support of schools was \$879. Amount beyond what the law requires, \$200; Literary Fund, \$40; other sources, \$34.

The number of different scholars who have attended school not less than two weeks, 180; number of children between four and fourteen years of age, not attending school, 14; average attendance for the year, 123. Amount of school money to each scholar, \$4.88. The amount of money appropriated to each district, and the list of prudential committees, may be found by consulting the Selectmen's report.

Number of visits by Superintending School Committee, 50; by Prudential Committees, 22; by other citizens, 316.

SWEATT'S MILL, No. 1.

Miss Clara A. Putney, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 16; wages of teacher a month, \$20; number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 7.

There has been but one term of school in this district. The teacher evidently entered upon her duties with a determination to do her best, and as a result, much was accomplished, some of the scholars making marked progress in arithmetic and other branches; discipline good.

PLEASANT STREET, No. 2.

Summer Term — Miss H. Paulina Heath, teacher. Length in weeks, 8; wages of teacher a month, \$18; number of scholars, 10; average attendance, 8.

Winter Term — Same teacher. Length in weeks, 6; number of scholars, 10; average 9.

The deportment was satisfactory. The advancement of some scholars, good; by others, hardly perceptible. The teacher sought to promote the best interests of her school, and should have the credit of doing well. Additional experience will doubtless improve her method of instruction.

CORSER HILL, No. 3.

Summer Term — Miss Rebecca M. Sawyer, teacher. Length in weeks, 10; wages a month, \$24; number of scholars, 20; average attendance, 16.

Miss Sawyer is a teacher of good qualifications and considerable experience. The school seemed to be well managed and correctly instructed. Most of the scholars exhibited evidences of good progress. In some classes a little more enthusiasm might have proved beneficial.

Winter Term — Mr. Fred G. Chandler, teacher. Length of term in weeks, 11; wages a month, \$37; number of scholars, 25; average attendance, 20½.

The scholars manifested considerable interest in the school, and good progress was evidently made. The discipline was inflexibly strict and well calculated to promote good order in the school-room.

BATTLE STREET, No. 4.

Summer Term — Miss Lizzie S. Morgan, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 6; wages of teacher a month, \$15.48; whole number of scholars, 9; average attendance, 9.

The teacher says in her remarks that this has been a very pleasant term to her; that the parents have manifested a good degree of interest in the education of their children, by sending them to school constantly, and in season, supplying them with books and visiting the school. From examination I conclude the school was well governed, and very profitable to the scholars.

Winter Term — John W. Moore, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 10; wages a month, \$20; number of scholars, 16; average attendance, 13½.

This was Mr Moore's first experience in teaching. The school was well classified at the commencement, and a

proper division of the time allotted to each recitation. The closing examination gave evidence of improvement. Age and experience will render Mr. Moore an efficient teacher.

SANBORN HILL, No. 5.

Summer Term—Miss Mary Anna Putney, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 7; wages of teacher a month, \$12.50; number of scholars 7; average attendance, 7.

This was Miss Putney's first experience as mistress in the school-room. The scholars are mostly small. Order good. The teacher seemed at home with the children, and succeeded in winning their affections and managing them easily. Progress fair.

Fall Term—Same teacher. Length of school in weeks, $5\frac{1}{3}$; wages of teacher a month, \$14; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 10.

The teacher seemed to sustain the reputation gained in the spring term, and the apparent progress made by the scholars gave evidence of a profitable term.

LITTLE HILL, No. 6.

Summer Term—Miss Martha George, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 8; wages a month including board, \$19; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 11.

Fall Term—Same teacher. Length in weeks, 9; wages a month, \$19; number of scholars, 12; average, 10.

Winter Term—Same teacher. Length in weeks, 7; wages a month, \$18; number of scholars, 13; average, 11.

In scholarship this school ranks among the best. A fact which may be regarded as complimentary to the industry of the scholars and the faithfulness of the teacher. Each of the three terms taught during the year was marked by permanent and satisfactory evidences of improvement.

WHITE PLAIN, No. 7.

Summer Term—Miss Helen J. Eastman, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 8; wages of teacher a month, \$17; number of scholars, 12; average attendance, 10.

The school was small, the term short, the attendance somewhat irregular. Only half of the whole number of scholars were present at the close. The examination on the part of these was creditable. But the success of the term cannot be regarded as complete, owing to circumstances not wholly within the teacher's control.

Winter Term—Miss Clara A. Putney, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 9; wages of teacher a month, \$20; number of scholars, 13; average attendance, 12.

Having previously taught in the district, Miss Putney entered her school enjoying the well-earned reputation of a competent and acceptable teacher. By judicious management and instruction, she succeeded in retaining the confidence of her pupils to the end of the term. The result was such as could not fail to please all who are interested in having good schools.

BASHAN, No. 8.

Summer Term—Miss Mary E. Whittier, teacher. Length in weeks, 10; wages of teacher a month, \$22; number of scholars, 22; average attendance, 19.

Fall Term—Same teacher. Length, 8 weeks; wages a month, \$24; number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 26.

Winter Term—Same teacher. Length, 8 weeks; wages a month, \$24; number of scholars, 23; average, 22.

Quiet and orderly in its deportment, accurate and systematic in its instruction, this school during the year has made constant and commendable progress in the branches pursued. In the reading classes especially, the method of teaching was thorough, practical, and productive of the best results. Number of visits reported in teacher's register, 130.

PUTNEY DISTRICT, No. 9.

Summer Term—Miss Jennie Colby, teacher. Length of school in weeks, 8; wages of teacher a month, \$26; number of scholars, 23; average attendance, 19.

This is one of the best schools in town. The teacher has labored hard and spared no effort to make the school

profitable. The closing examination proved that she had been successful.

Winter Term—Mr. A. S. Batchellor, teacher. Length of school in weeks, $8\frac{1}{2}$; number of scholars, 35; average attendance, 32; (estimated).

The district was fortunate in securing the services of a teacher of such ample qualifications and experience. The good discipline and unmistakable evidence of thoroughness in all the branches taught, merit the highest approbation of all interested. We hope that other districts will follow the example of this, and rouse their latent energies by the application of a little fire from "Old Dartmouth."

GENERAL REMARKS.

Thus we have endeavored to present a correct statement of the condition of our schools. We are convinced that the year has been one of more than ordinary prosperity and good success. Both scholars and teachers have attended to their respective duties with commendable zeal and encouraging results.

But we have not yet reached perfection. Defects still exist in organization, classification, management, deportment and instruction. These will not be totally eradicated, save by our united and most earnest efforts. Let each citizen be reminded that upon himself falls a share of the responsibility connected with the educational welfare of the rising generation. Let some of our smaller districts improve their advantages by effecting a union with others. Let our appropriations of school money be liberal. Let the school-room be made neat and attractive. Let parental influence always be salutary. In the selection of teachers, be careful to get the best. See that scholars are constant and punctual in their attendance, and that they are duly impressed with the importance of good intellectual and moral culture. So may these school-houses standing upon our hill sides become the scenes around which shall cluster some of the dearest interests of the community. And when, in the future, these scholars shall have drifted far and wide apart, they will look back with pleasant

memories to the events of early life, and the opportunities provided by us, for their improvement.

GEO. T. SANBORN,
C. A. STONE,
JOSEPH COUCH,

Superintending School Committee of Webster.

Webster, Feb. 24, 1871.

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